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Student Relationship Violence

The College at Brockport, College Senate

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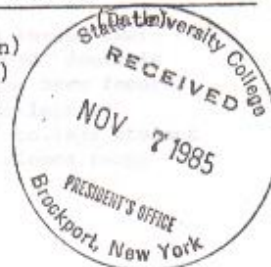
TO: President John E. Van de Wetering

FROM: The Faculty Senate

Meeting on 11/4/85

RE: I. Formal Resolution (Act of Determination)
X II. Recommendation (Urging the fitness of)
III. Other (Notice, Request, Report, etc.)

SUBJECT: Student Relationship Violence



Signed: [Signature] Date Sent 11/7/85
(For the Senate)

TO: The Faculty Senate

FROM: President John E. Van de Wetering

RE: I. Decision and Action Taken on Formal Resolution

- a. Accepted. Effective Date 11/11/85
b. Deferred for discussion with the Faculty Senate on _____
c. Unacceptable for the reasons contained in the attached explanation

II., III. a. Received and acknowledged

b. Comment:

DISTRIBUTION: Vice Presidents: All attached list.

Others:

Distribution Date: 11/13/85

Signed: [Signature]
(President of the College)

Date Received by the Senate: _____

STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK
COLLEGE AT BROCKPORT

Background

Over the past eight to ten years, the American public has become aware of increased incidents of relationship violence, usually termed "domestic violence" or "spousal abuse." More recently, attention has been focused on the incidents of violence in relationships prior to marriage or cohabitation. Nationally, estimates of the prevalence of college student participation in at least one incident of relationship violence range from 20% to 50% (Makepeace, 1981, 1983; Carlson, 1984).

Resolution on Student Relationship Violence

- WHEREAS current national studies show that anywhere from 20% to 50% of college students are involved in at least one incident of relationship violence, ranging from casual acquaintance to intimacy, and
- WHEREAS the college community sees the use of violence as debilitating to human relationships, individual character, and human dignity, and
- WHEREAS violence that becomes public in the residence halls or elsewhere on campus is disruptive to the peace and order of the campus community,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COLLEGE

Rejects in principle the use of violence to resolve conflicts between individuals on campus;

Encourages educational measures and other positive alternatives for students involved in or potentially involved in relationship violence, and;

Endorses the Committee on Student Relationship Violence in its efforts to research this phenomenon, educate the campus about it, and identify positive alternatives for individuals, or couples involved in relationship violence.